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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Jean-Louis ESCARY  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AMENDMENT, AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2007 ("Office Action"), Applicant submits herewith the following Amendment and Reply.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including October 15, 2007. A check in the amount of \$230.00 is attached to cover the two (2) month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires any additional fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, now or hereinafter, please charge such fee to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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